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MULTIPLE VIDEO OBJECT PLANES

THE COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a Preliminary Amendment in the above-captioned application.

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___ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

___ An Information Disclosure Statement, PTO Form 1449, and references cited.

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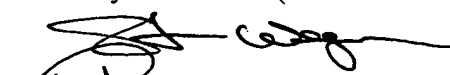
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
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Sir:

Prior to an examination of the above-captioned application, the Examiner is requested to enter the following amendment to the claims.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 9, as follows:

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9 (Amended). A method for determining a local time base of video object planes (VOPs) in compressed data that includes a time code, a modulo time base data and a time base increment, wherein the time code is stored in a group of pictures (GOP) header inserted at a beginning of the compressed data, the modulo time base data indicating a predetermined time interval to be combined with one of the time code and a reference time base, the time base increment representing a local time base, the method comprising: